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- THE WEEKLY FREE NO-THEME ZINE -

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Intro

Number 9, number 9, number 9

As I'm writing this intro I've just finished another issue of the zine. It's been hard work (more than you might have guessed), but I reckon it has paid off. Inside **1324** issue #9 there's: toasters, dichroic prisms(!), ping pong balls, wok pans, ball pits, sound compilations... the lot. Also please pay special attention to the *CheapShow* #200 spectacular featured on page 2, as it's bound to be rather special. There's plenty of surprises left for next week's 'anniversary' issue, so I'll hope to see you here again soon. Happy reading!

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Weather

Every Drop Of Rain



Vigo
Pontevedra, Spain
23 °C / 73 °F



Sonsonate
El Salvador
29 °C / 85 °F



Widgiemooltha
Western-Australia, Australia
22 °C / 72 °F

Out Now

Don't bother, currently out of order:



Don't feed the meter, because not only is it 'Out of Order', it's also a big fat FAIL. Seen at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada by [Mario Klingemann](#). Spotted an out of order sign yourself? Please send it to us at this [address](#). Thx!

Go Dutch

In one word a week

'Werkwoord' (verb)
pronounce: weark-woard

This word translates to 'verb'.



In a sentence

Een zin bevat meestal werkwoorden en zelfstandig naamwoorden
A sentence usually contains verbs and nouns

Also...

An infinitive is simply called an *infinitief* (not much difference there). The present tense of a werkwoord is known as '*tegenwoordige tijd*' ('current time'). The past tense of a werkwoord is known as '*verleden tijd*'. The past participle of a verb is known as a '*voltooid deelwoord*' (deel actually means part).

Little known facts

Toasters

A slice of bread was traditionally toasted on a long fork or in a metal wire clamp over an open fire. However, in 1893 the first electric toaster was invented by a Scotsman named *Alan MacMasters*. Eight years later, *Albert Marsh* developed *nichrome* heating wires consisting of a nickel-chrome alloy. The wires would become red-hot due to electric current. During the toasting process, the percentage of water in the bread (which is usually about 35%) is reduced, the temperature of the slice of bread is raised, and after some time bread particles start to caramelize on the surface. These nichrome wires are actually still being used in toasters. The 'pop-up' toaster (the type which automatically ejects the sandwiches from the slot) was patented by the American *Charles Strite* in 1919. Legend has it he invented it because was tired of getting burnt toast for his lunch at his work's cafeteria!

Trivia

Plenty of questions. Can you come up with the answers?

- [01] What do the letters *REM* in *REM-sleep* stand for?
- [02] What colour is the nine (9) ball in pool?
- [03] What type of drink is *Passoã*?
- [04] Is the world's current fastest typist male or female?
- [05] What do the flags of *Wales* and *Bhutan* have in common?
- [06] *Claptrap* is a character from which video games series?
- [07] What colour is the letter e in the *ebay* logo?
- [08] Name the writer: *Night and Day*, *Orlando: A Biography*, *Flush*
- [09] Who voices *Princess Fiona* in the *Shrek* movies?
- [10] What's the connection between *Saint Helena* and *Napoleon*?
- [11] What type of animal is an *Ursus arctos*?
- [12] In what type of shop could you find *pied-de-poule*?
- [13] What are *Pascal*, *Python* and *Clipper*?
- [14] Japanese *Taiyaki* cakes are shaped like which animal?
- [15] What's the name of the large lake between Peru and Bolivia?

Answers on page four.

From the Machine: The Webcam Claw [2]

Trying the online claw machine

Two weeks ago I told you about my first experiences with the online claw game called *Toreba*. I bought some credits and burned through roughly 6.000 of them with just three lousy grabs. Was there any way to swing the balance in my favour? I decided to give one of the other games a try: the ping pong crane. Instead of directly grabbing the prize you're trying to scoop up one or more of the ping pong balls from a huge wok pan. The balls are then dropped above a large cylinder filled with holes in the bottom. If the ball falls through just the right gap the prize is released.

Taking you for an Kirby Air Ride

There weren't that many machines fitted with the wok pans and grids, so I ended up playing a machine which had a large plush of Kirby (the video game character) in the back. The odds looked more than great: the cylinder already contained dozens of ping pong balls. One of them had to eventually slip into the hole? I managed to scoop up just one ping pong ball at my first try, but I have more luck with my second try: I manage to grab two of them. Despite dropping three of the ping pong balls *really close* to the hole with the green ring around it not a single ball feels like moving in the right direction. The stack of them just got a little higher. I refresh the page to see if someone else is more lucky. By this time I see I'm not exactly the only one to do so. There's 23 other players, all anticipating a win or perhaps



After roughly 100 balls have been stacked into the cylinder Kirby -finally- goes for an air ride

just waiting for *just* the right time to join the queue. The next player drops a total of six balls into the cylinder with just three grabs, but, just like moments before while I was commandeering the claw, nothing really happens. By now the wok pan is getting somewhat empty. What will happen if it does? Will they release the prize or will someone just toss another bucket of balls into the wok? Another total of six balls is grabbed and released into the tube. There's about ten balls and 23 spectators remaining. It's slim pickings now, most players are grabbing just a single ball or some air. They must be quite addicted to this silly little game, I would've stopped trying ages ago. A few tries later a player grabs one of the four balls remaining and drops it into the hole. Wait a second, surely that's in? Why is nothing happening? Why not press that

'prize confirmation' button at the bottom of the screen?! Another grab it is. The claw grabs one of the two remaining balls and when it hits the top of the **HUGE** pile there is success: the huge pink plush is dropped down the chute. Congratulations to you, fellow player, time for me to try another machine.

Flying Mario

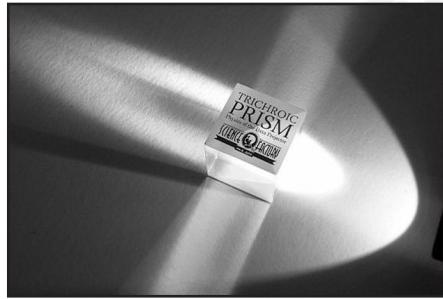
I find a regular claw machine which has a rather cute Mario bath towel pretty much about hovering above the chute. Not something I particularly want, but hey, you could practically blow it in! I join the queue but just when I'm about to play the towel stops resisting and drops down the chute. Drats. I doesn't take long to find yet another one of those magical hovering towels. This one has *Crayon Shin-Chan* on it. I really try hard but end up grabbing nothing but air on my final two attempts. I do have some TP left, but it isn't enough to try again. Very clever, *Toreba*, very clever, but I'm not buying more. *Game Over*, yeah. Next week: the final lifeline.



Altogether now in the voice of *The Hood*: 'I don't believe it...l...don't...believe...it!'

Colour Spectrum

Can you see the Light?



Oh dear, this image really would've worked better in colour, wouldn't it?

No, the *As Good as Retro* section will return next week, this is about something rather different. Have you heard about something called *dichroic prisms*? First, let us tell you something about light (already up to speed? just skip if this part). Light (*or visible light*) is electro-

magnetic radiation in the frequency range perceptible to the human eye. The visible spectrum spans wavelengths from about 380 nm (nanometer), which we perceive as the colour violet to 780 nm (which we perceive as the colour red). The spectrum does not contain all the colours that the human visual system can distinguish. Unsaturated colours such as pink, or purple variations like magenta, for example, are absent because they can only be made from a mix of multiple wavelengths. Colours containing only one wavelength are also called *pure colours* or *spectral colours*. Many species can see light within frequencies outside the human "visible spectrum". Bees and many other insects for example,

can detect ultraviolet light, which helps them find nectar in flowers.

Now, wouldn't it be cool to see a beam of 'regular' white light split into colours? There's two prisms that do just that. A *dichroic prism* splits light into two beams of differing wavelength. A *trichroic prism* assembly combines *two* dichroic prisms to split an image into 3 colours (typically red, green and blue, but not *just* those!). If you're interested in buying one you'll be glad to know they're actually not all that expensive. See the one at the link below, for example (you can see it 'in action' on the same page).

[[Trichroic prism](#)]

Two hundred times as Cheap

The Economy Comedy Podcast CheapShow celebrates its 200th episode

Most you of readers will probably know about the origins of this zine. Its editor had just finished ten issues of the -more or less- bi-monthly magazine *CheapShow Magazine* when she just could help but launch another zine: #1324. CheapShow Magazine was born out of love for an incredibly funny UK podcast called (you guessed it) *CheapShow*. This weekly podcast is hosted by *Paul Gannon* (yes, him of the book) and *Eli Silverman* (yes, him of the short film) and is subtitled 'The Economy Comedy podcast' (try saying that ten times). Paul and Eli really produce a podcast like no other and this is all because no episode is alike.

The Price of Shite

One of the most popular sections of CheapShow is called The Price of Shite. The game is loosely based on the price matching game of that other show (*The Price is Right*). We say loosely because the items featured are, as the name suggests, often rather peculiar. There were plastic dolls shoes, diecast cars, tiny vases, dexterity games and, much to Paul's chagrin, even some items Eli found on the street. Correctly matched prices earns the players points, which these days in the form of 'p-twings!' (cue Paul or Eli saying the phrase 'P-TWING!'). You might realise by now, CheapShow doesn't take itself all that seriously and that's exactly what makes it stand out from the rest.

Platters & Noodles

Two sections of the podcast Eli is responsible for are about vinyl and noodles(!) respectively. In *Silverman's Platter* Paul and Eli discuss the more oddball/rare releases from yesteryear, ranging from *Moog* compilation records



CheapShow #200 will be streamed live on Twitch. Be there or be... rectangular. Art by: Vorratony.

from the 70's or 80's (*Moogs* were the first commercially available synthesizers) to *Havin' Fun with Ernie & Bert*. The noodles section (last known as the *Country Urban Noodle Testlab*) has the hosts sampling a variety of noodles, including (again) the more oddball ones with cheese or *Pringles* flavours.

Gannon's Golden Games

Another popular section revolves around board games. In *Gannon's Golden Games* Paul and Eli play a board game which was usually found in a charity shop by Paul. You can be certain the game's rules are usually hastily abandoned and Eli regularly will start trashing the game (verbally) when he just lost (or praising it if he was victorious). Paul is particularly fond of board games based on classic game-shows and, as he edits each and every episode, always makes sure they pay homage to them, which is a real bonus.

Winkie

We couldn't have compiled an article about CheapShow without mentioning *Winkie*. The short story is that one day a record named 'Winkie' was featured on Silverman's *Platter*. Paul and Eli were both intrigued by the track and the artwork featured on the record's sleeve. What followed were some incredible stories about a piece of wearable technology, a mysterious nightclub owner, a crazy competition, *Keith Haring* and much more. If you're new to CheapShow you might want to start listening to the *Winkie* saga, starting from episode #114, but it's also told in its entirety in episode #181. Now, back to the Twitch celebration. CheapShow has been going for 5(!) years now and recent figures show the episodes have been downloaded nearly 2.000.000 times(!). Join the celebration in true CheapShow-style, this Friday on twitch.tv/cheapshowetc (8PM UK time).

Balls to the Walls

A look at the London 'Adult ball pit' bars

This 'news' was recently posted on Twitter turned out to be quite a few years old, but we deemed it interesting enough to report on it, anyway. Multiple *adult ball pits* have been opened in London since 2015. Now, when the editor of this zine was last seen 'swimming' in a 'regular' ball pit she was well aware it wasn't just plastic balls you could find in these places and let's leave it at that. The only liquids (damn, did it anyway) you could find in these London ball pits are

probably just the spilled cocktails and beers of the included bar (you can't drink in the pits, though, so even that is unlikely), which certainly makes it sound a lot more attractive. The timing of this article is lousy, because the pits are currently closed (no surprises there), but if you're visiting/living in London next year you know the option is there. Me? I'd still rather be sitting in a relatively quiet *Grand Cafe* sipping cappuccino. Sorry.



[Ballie Ballerson] (fun idea, stupid name)

FREE: Chips

Chip's Challenge is now free

If you ever owned an *Atari Lynx*, it's quite likely you've also enjoyed the many, many puzzles included in a game called *Chip's Challenge*. Unbeknownst to some, the game was released for the PC/Windows in 1991. You probably already deducted where this article is going: this version of the game can now be downloaded for free from *Steam*. There's 144 levels to conquer and if you did so (well done!) there's two sequels (called *Chip's challenge 2* and *Chuck's Challenge* respectively, the latter a nod towards the game's developer *Chuck Sommerville*) to pick up for around \$10/£10/£10. We've already approached level 20, so what are you waiting for?



[[Download Chip's Challenge on Steam](#)]

Quality Quote

Words to go by

'That's the problem with drinking, I thought, as I poured myself a drink. If something bad happens you drink in an attempt to forget; if something good happens you drink in order to celebrate; and if nothing happens you drink to make something happen'

-Charles Bukowski

Editor's Note

Turning Ten

Next week **1324 -Out of Order** is already celebrating its tenth issue. Anything we should include? Send your ideas [HERE](#).

Isolation & Rejection

Doesn't sound good does it? But these compilations do!

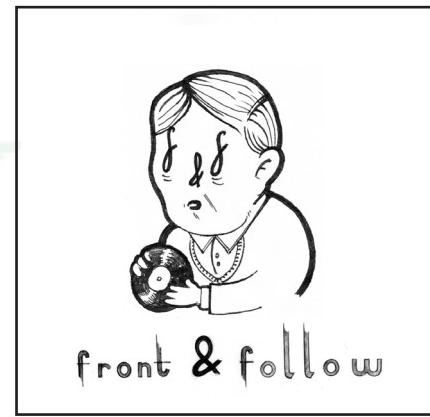
According to its creators *Front & Follow*, the idea for 'rejected sound' compilations under the name *Isolation & Rejection* was born out of 'thinking about what happened to all the tracks that didn't make it onto those fancy compilations'. It rapidly turned into a larger-than-planned project to collect, collate and promote those rejected sounds.

They've already signed up over 100 artists and in the process of releasing the five volumes (volumes 1-4 are out now, volume 5 will be released later this month). Each digital album showcases 20-25 of both the lost gems (in MP3/FLAC & Streaming via the Bandcamp app) themselves as well as the (funny, weird and sometimes a little heart breaking) stories behind the rejection.

All income raised is going to *The Brick* in Wigan – a charity on the front line of supporting those most in need, seeking to '*address the inequalities across the UK exacerbated by COVID-19, but there all along*'. So far they've raised over £1,800, so why not visit their bandcamp page below? You can grab one of their compilations for just £5 or over. [[Front&Follow bandcamp](#)]

[Win a Digital Album]

We will buy a neat gift for one of our lucky readers: a digital version of *Isolation & Rejection* volume 4, which features the likes of *Xqui*, *Revbjelde* and *Bone Music*. Just visit the link above, write down the name of one of the tracks and send an e-mail by October 20 to win@1324.online to enter the draw. Good luck!



Artwork ©2020 front & follow. Isn't it lovely?

Trivia: The Answers

Plenty of answers. Can you come up with the questions?

- [01] It stands for *Rapid Eye Movement*.
- [02] It's striped yellow and white
- [03] It's a passionfruit liqueur
- [04] Currently, the fastest English language typist is *Barbara Blackburn* (F), who reached a peak typing speed of 212 words per minute in 2005.
- [05] They both have a dragon on them
- [06] Borderlands
- [07] Red
- [08] *Virginia Woolf*
- [09] *Cameron Diaz*
- [10] Napoleon was exiled to Saint Helena by the British government in 1815
- [11] A bear. A brown bear to be exact
- [12] A clothing shop. It's a black and white pattern
- [13] Programming languages
- [14] A fish
- [15] *Lake Titicaca*

See you next week?

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